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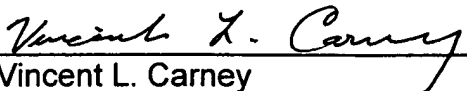
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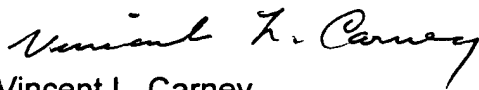
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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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Attorney Docket No. 18-468-9-1
First Inventor Paul G. Wright
Title SAMPLER
Express Mail Label No. EL 424776727US

APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. ☒ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 45]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
- Descriptive title of the invention
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 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
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 - Claim(s)
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4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 18]

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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
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12. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
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Group Art Unit:

3746

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101	710	201	355	Utility filing fee
106	320	206	160	Design filing fee
107	490	207	245	Plant filing fee
108	710	208	355	Reissue filing fee
114	150	214	75	Provisional filing fee

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355

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$) 355

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
51	-20** = 31	9	279
6	-3** = 3	40	120
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103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	80	202	40	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	270	204	135	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109	80	209	40	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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105	130	205	65			Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127	50	227	25			Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139	130			Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520			For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*			Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*			Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55			Extension for reply within first month	
116	390	216	195			Extension for reply within second month	
117	890	217	445			Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,390	218	695			Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,890	228	945			Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	310	219	155			Notice of Appeal	
120	310	220	155			Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	270	221	135			Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510			Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55			Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,240	241	620			Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,240	242	620			Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	440	243	220			Design issue fee	
144	600	244	300			Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130			Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	50	123	50			Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
126	180	126	180			Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	581	40			Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	710	246	355			Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149	710	249	355			For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
179	710	279	355			Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169	900	169	900			Request for expedited examination of a design application	

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